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1. [redacted] import possibilities for the smelting industry are very low; for example, only about 60 tons of ferro-molybdenum and 60 tons of ferro-titanium can be imported, whereas, nickel and molybdenum ore imports are almost impossible. Imports [redacted] have been reduced to about 700,000 tons and may suffer a further reduction. Efforts are being made to import ores [redacted] Details as to quantities are not yet known.[2]

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2. There is at present a 6,500-ton-shortage of silicious products (wyroby krzemionkowe). The authorities are trying to arrange imports, amounting to about 2,500 tons, [redacted]

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3. Other materials in short supply in the foundries are coke, coal, dolomite (crude and roasted)[3] and scrap, of which there is a most serious shortage.[4]

4. Snowfalls upset transport schedules and resulted in numerous stoppages of steel works and blast furnaces; the general shortage of rolling stock in Poland has also had an effect on the supply situation.

Comments:

[redacted] the necessary scrap imports for November 1952 were 87,440 tons, and scrap stocks on hand amounted to 35,000 tons instead of 80,500 tons. Deliveries from abroad in November amounted to 85,000 tons instead of the needed 132,940 tons.

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